

## KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Administration Building - Room 310

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Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair James R. Saalfeld.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Bolter, Brieve, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Jones, Kallman, Koorndyk, Mast, Ponstein, Shroll, Stek, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Chair Saalfeld - 18.

Absent: Morgan - 1.

Invocation: Commissioner Voorhees gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Kent/MSU Extension

Betty Blase, Kent/MSU District Coordinator - Reviewed the 2015 Annual Michigan State University Extension/Kent County Report (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). She introduced members of the 4-H United Youth Leadership Program who are touring different County departments today.

#### Kent County Broadband Initiative

Rick Chapla (The Right Place, Inc.) and Dan Manning (Connect Michigan) explained that the Broadband Initiative's mission is to enhance and expand broadband access, adoption and use throughout the County. The Kent County Broadband Committee has partnered with Connect Michigan. A survey will be conducted to assess broadband availability and related needs in Kent County.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Albert, 7340 Ashley Avenue, Belding - Candidate for the 86<sup>th</sup> State Representative District - introduced himself and explained why he is running for office.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of February 25, 2016, Meeting
- b) March 1, 2016, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Antor, Bolter, Brieve, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Jones, Kallman, Koorndyk, Mast, Ponstein, Shroll, Stek, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Chair Saalfeld - 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

3-10-16-15 – POLICE AND FIRE DISPATCH AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WYOMING /  
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Department provides fire and police dispatch services for all local units of government in Kent County, except the cities of Grand Rapids and Wyoming, which are currently dispatched by the City of Grand Rapids; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wyoming has requested the County to provide fire and police dispatch services and advised the City of Grand Rapids that it is not requesting an extension of its current Dispatch Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids which expires on June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreement provides the City of Wyoming with the same the terms and conditions for the Sheriff Department to provide fire and police dispatch services as other local units of government that receive these services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by Corporate Counsel; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approve entering into an Agreement with the City of Wyoming for the Sheriff Department to provide dispatch for the City of Wyoming's police and fire services.

Motion by Commissioner Ponstein, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

3-10-16-16 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND (CIP) /  
FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Department currently uses workforce management software developed by the Center for Advanced Public Safety Information Technologies (CAPSIT) to manage its complex scheduling needs. CAPSIT has notified the department that it has closed down its business thereby ending support for the current software. While the department is currently paying CAPSIT a monthly fee for ongoing support, this is a temporary arrangement to allow the department to transition to an acceptable long-term solution; and

WHEREAS, the unforeseen loss of this scheduling tool and the adverse impact it will have on managing departmental operations as efficiently as possible has created an emergent need to find a replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff Department has done its due diligence and has selected Kronos as the provider of choice to meet its workforce management needs; and

WHEREAS, due to favorable pricing, the Jail Management System Replacement project has surplus funds that can be reallocated and transferred to the Workforce Management Software project; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approve transferring up to \$140,000 from the Jail Management System Replacement project to the new Workforce Management project within the Capital Improvement Program Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Shroll, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### REPORTS

##### Recycling Plant – Department of Public Works

Commissioner Vonk: Recently, the Board of Public Works reviewed the Recycling Center's financial performance from 2010 – 2015. Since 2012, the Center has lost money due to the drop in the recycling market. To offset costs, a \$10 a ton fee has been implemented.

Commissioner Vander Molen: At that meeting, members learned that Kent County's yearly trash could fill the University of Michigan's football stadium twice.

##### Millage Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk: Today, the Millage Subcommittee sent to the Legislative Committee the request to put the Zoo/Museum Millage on the November ballot.

Chair Saalfeld: This request will go to both Standing Committees and then to the full Board. There will likely be a work session scheduled prior to the committee meetings.

##### Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE)

Commissioner Stek: Reported that over the past year it looked like the LRE would be in a negative financial position at 2015 year-end. Instead, LRE showed an \$8,000,000 reserve. The Plan of Correction has been re-submitted to the State. Also, Section 298 of the Governor's Proposed FY2017 Department of Health and Human Services budget may not get through the legislature.

MISCELLANEOUS

Wyoming Police and Fire Dispatch

Commissioner Voorhees: Thanked all for the Wyoming dispatch solution. He acknowledged Wyoming City Manager Curtis Holt in the audience today.

LaughFest, Section 298 & Lead Poisoning Forum

Commissioner Bulkowski: LaughFest kicks off today with an attempt to regain the world record for chicken tossing on the Calder Plaza at 5:30 p.m.

He has been asked to serve on the Section 298 Work Group chaired by the Lt. Governor to review statewide community mental health services.

There is a town hall meeting tonight on lead poisoning at the LINC Gallery, 6:30 p.m.

Legislative Breakfast

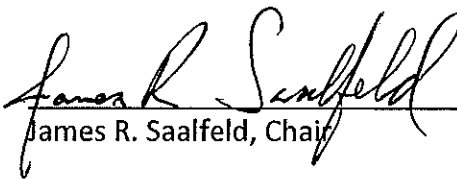
Commissioner Shroll: The legislative breakfast will be held March 11, 2016, at the University Club to discuss Kent County's 2016 legislative priorities.

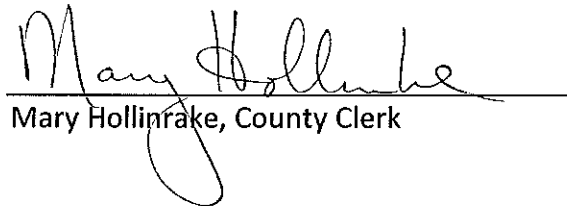
Don's Café

Commissioner Vander Molen: Encouraged all to support the new restaurant in the County Building – Don's Café.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:32 a.m., Commissioner Voorhees moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, March 24, 2016, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Shroll. Motion carried.

  
James R. Saalfeld, Chair

  
Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk